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frictionally sliding surface is stabilized. Therefore, the vibration wave driving apparatus of the present invention has high efficiency and long life.

The bearing is also provided in the through-hole of the rotary member, whereby when the rotary member is rotated, the eccentricity relative to the axis of the vibration member is also decreased. Therefore, the motor of the present invention is a more excellent motor. Further, the bearing surface of the sliding bearing or the surface of the output shaft supported by the bearing surface is made of resin, whereby the occurrence of noise is suppressed.--

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure in its entirety and substitute the following therefore.

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--A vibration wave driving apparatus includes a vibration member having an electro-mechanical energy conversion element and a vibration member supporting member fixed to an elastic member, each having a through-hole in the axial portion thereof; the apparatus further includes a rotary member in pressure contact with the vibration member and having a through-hole in the axial portion thereof, an output shaft extending through the through-holes of the vibration member and the rotary member, a case supporting the vibration member with the end portion of the vibration member supporting member fixed thereby, and a plurality of bearing for supporting the output shaft provided in the case. The vibration member and the rotary member are packaged, the output shaft is rotated with the